## NOTICE TO PRESCRIBERS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

## SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTIONS

Previous Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) guidelines authorized the post-dating of Schedule II (CII) prescriptions by writing instructions on the order, "Do not fill until (date)," "Do not fill before (date)," or words to that effect. Correspondingly, Nevada adopted a statute (NRS 453.431 subsection 4) authorizing post-dated prescriptions.

Suddenly, the DEA withdrew the guidelines and provided the postdating of CII prescriptions was tantamount to refilling such prescriptions and is prohibited by law.

Because of the circumstance that federal law regarding controlled substances supersedes state law, the Nevada Board of Pharmacy advises:

## DO NOT POST-DATE SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTIONS

The DEA is receiving many comments supporting the patient care value of post-dating CII prescriptions and may again reverse their position. If that occurs, we will notify Nevada prescribers.